NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF LAW

In re Orientation and Preparation for First Year of Law School
Class No. 2016

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NOW COMES the Class of 2016, for whom the following basic information is particularly relevant to a happy and successful experience during the first year at Northern Illinois University College of Law. To all concerned: Welcome!

1. **Orientation Week**

Orientation for all first-year law students will be held *August 12-16* at the Northern Illinois University College of Law (COL). All first-year students should check in between 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Monday, August 12th in the Office of Admissions & Financial Aid, Swen Parson Hall, Room 151, on Normal Road in DeKalb.

The Orientation Program will open that morning with an introduction to the law school by administrative staff and deans. Following lunch, first-year students will have the opportunity to learn about case briefing and synthesis.

Throughout the remainder of the Orientation Program, first-year students will participate in additional sessions designed to introduce them to the analytical, organizational, practical and professional skills they will need to successfully complete law school. Among the activities will be a mock class conducted by members of the faculty. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in small group discussions focusing on professionalism and hear a keynote address by a Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court.

The Orientation Program will conclude at about 1:30 p.m. on *Friday, August 16*, following an introduction of the full faculty and a lunch for faculty, students and staff. A full schedule of Orientation events will be available later in the summer.
2. **Other Coming Attractions**

Regular first year classes will begin on *Monday, August 19*, starting with Criminal Law (Section 1) and Civil Procedure (Section 2) at 9:00 a.m. First year students will be assigned to and notified of their sections in July.

An information program organized and attended by representatives from several of the College of Law’s student organizations will be held on *Tuesday, August 27*, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Thurgood Marshall Gallery.

The Annual Dean's Picnic open to all law students will be held on *Thursday, August 29* at 4:00 p.m. at the Oderkirk Property, 131 N. Annie Glidden Road, next to the International House of Pancakes. Picnic fare and activities will be provided.

For those planning ahead, graduation will be held in May 2016!

3. **The College of Law: Basic Information**

Information about a variety of topics concerning the College of Law is available on the COL website at [http://law.niu.edu/law/index.shtml](http://law.niu.edu/law/index.shtml) and in the Student Handbook, an updated version of which will be distributed later in the summer. In the meantime, the following information should be of assistance in preparing for and beginning law school.

**Registration**

The COL Office of Budget and Records provides advice and assistance to all students in registering for classes. During the first year of law school, all full-time students are registered automatically and may not add or change courses. The first year curriculum for the Class of 2016 consists of the following:

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Enrolling students with special circumstances, including transfer students, part-time students and late arrivals, are urged to report to the Office of Budget and Records for registration assistance. The Office of Budget and Records is located in Room 285 and may be reached at 815-753-1620 or jmahoney@niu.edu.
Books

Information concerning books required or recommended for classes will typically be available from a variety of sources, including e-mail or other messages from professors and book lists posted on the law school announcement board, on the web site at http://www.niu.edu/law/academic/book_list.shtml, and at local bookstores. Casebooks, treatises and other reading materials are available on or near campus at two locations: (1) the University Bookstore, which is located in the lower level of Holmes Student Center; and (2) the Village Commons Bookstore, located at 901 Lucinda Avenue. The SBA also sponsors a student book exchange for the purchase of used books, and many law school books can be obtained on www.Amazon.com and other internet sites. After receipt of NIU OneCards during Orientation, students may charge the cost of books purchased at the University Bookstore to their student accounts.

Financial Aid

The COL Office of Admissions & Financial Aid assists and advises students on the processing of loan forms. The office also publishes writing competition information in The Docket. The COL Office of Admissions and Financial Aid is located in Room 151. For more financial aid information, contact the office at 815-753-8595 or lawadm@niu.edu. The University’s Student Financial Aid Office, which ultimately processes all loans, is located in Room 245 in the north wing of Swen Parson Hall. For more information, please visit http://www.niu.edu/fa/

Classrooms

Most Orientation sessions will be held in the Riley Courtroom, Room 170, on the ground floor of Swen Parson Hall. Most other law school classrooms are also located on the ground floor, and classes for first year students are generally held in Room 186 or Room 188. Incoming students will be given a tour of the law school and of the Zeke Giorgi legal clinic in Rockford during Orientation.

Lockers

Lockers are available to law students on the lower level of the law school. Students must provide their own locks. Students desiring a locker should email Julie (jmahoney@niu.edu) in the Office of Budget and Records, Room 285, to reserve a locker. Lockers will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

Mailboxes

Mail folders for each student are located on the second floor of the law school across from the entrance to the law school library. Please check and empty your folder
regularly. Please also note that the mail folders are not designed for and should not be used for large, bulky items.

**Library**

The law library is located in the upper level of the law school. Individual tours may be arranged at the circulation desk. In addition, all students taking the first year Legal Research course will tour the library and receive information on the available uses and services as part of that course. Additional information about the law library is available at [http://law.niu.edu/law/library/index.shtml](http://law.niu.edu/law/library/index.shtml).

**Copy Cards**

There are photocopy machines available in the law library for student use. These machines are activated by a copy card (much like a credit card), which can be purchased from vending machines located in the law library and in Founders Library on the first floor.

**The Docket**

*The Docket* is published weekly during the school term under the direction of Dean Coles and contains a weekly calendar of upcoming events, as well as announcements concerning the College of Law. *The Docket* is emailed to students on Friday afternoons, and a limited number of hard copies are made available in the building on Mondays. Any information for *The Docket* should be submitted by hand to Barbara Manning in Room 285 or by contacting her at 815-753-9488 or bmanning@niu.edu. *The deadline for submissions to The Docket is noon on the Thursday prior to publication*

**Student Bar Association**

All law students are members of the Student Bar Association (SBA) and are welcome to attend SBA meetings and functions. SBA activities are carried out by the SBA Board of Governors, which acts as the primary student governing body for the law school. The members of the SBA Board of Governors for the 2013-2014 academic year are:

- **President:** Emily Perkins
- **Vice President:** Tom O’Grady
- **Treasurer:** Sam Perkins
- **Secretary:** Amanda Beveroth
- **ABA Representative:** Manar Zayed

Four representatives to the SBA will be elected from the first-year class in mid-September. For more information concerning the SBA, stop by the SBA office in the student office space at the north end of Swen Parson (upper level), consult the SBA
website at http://law.niu.edu/law/organizations/sba/index.shtml or contact one of the SBA board members.

**American Bar Association/Law Student Division**

The Law Student Division of the American Bar Association provides a variety of services to law student members, including the ability to participate in various student competitions and access to two publications (the *ABA Journal* and the *Student Lawyer*). Membership fees are $25 per year, payable at the ABA web site at https://apps.americanbar.org/join/lsd_enroll/pm/enrollment.shtml. First year students may enroll for three years at a total cost of $60 ($20 per year).

**Illinois State Bar Association**

The Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) also provides a variety of services to law student members, including access to the Young Lawyers Division Newsletter and enrollment in up to five substantive law sections with periodic newsletters covering topics such as real estate law and criminal justice. Additional information concerning the benefits of ISBA membership and how to enroll is available at the following links: http://www.isba.org/lawstudents and http://law.niu.edu/law/organizations/isba.shtml.

**Other Student Organizations**

COL students may participate in a variety of student-run organizations while enrolled at the law school, including Law Review, the Moot Court Society, and the Trial Advocacy Society. Among other student organizations active in the law school are the Public Interest Law Society, the American Constitution Society, the International Law Society, the Environmental Law Society, the Christian Legal Society, the Federalist Society, the Animal Legal Defense Fund, the Second Amendment Society, the Entertainment & Sports Law Society, the Criminal Law Society and Street Law.

Interested students may also join the Asian and Pacific American Law Student Association, the Black Law Student Association, the Gay-Straight Alliance, the Latino/a Law Student Association, the Justinian Society, the Women’s Law Caucus, or a law fraternity such as Phi Alpha Delta or Delta Theta Phi.

Information about these and other organizations is available from the SBA or by consulting http://law.niu.edu/law/organizations/index.shtml

**Career Opportunities**

Greg Anderson, Director of Career Opportunities and Development, assists students on all aspects of career services, including advice on preparing resumes and interviewing techniques. The Career Opportunities Library has a large array of resources available. The Office of Career Opportunities is located in Room 280.
Law School Counseling

Associate Dean for Student Services, Kathleen Coles, will be available generally or by appointment for student counseling concerning academic or personal matters. Dean Coles will hold office hours daily during the school week in Room 285 and may be reached at (815) 753-0668 or kcoles@niu.edu.

Miscellaneous

Smoking bans must be observed in all areas of Swen Parson.

Please watch the bulletin boards around the law school, check mail folders and university e-mail, and read The Docket on a regular basis for announcements about COL policies, procedures and activities.

4. The University

Upon enrollment at the College of Law, students enjoy the benefits of numerous resources provided by Northern Illinois University. These resources include the following.

Housing

The Student Housing Office provides information concerning University dormitories, meal plans, and the Northern View Community Apartments. See http://www.niu.edu/housing/ The Student Housing Office is located at 101 Neptune East (815-753-1525).

The Commuter and Non-Traditional Student Office (815-753-9999) has a website at http://www.niu.edu/comnontrad/housing/index.shtml that provides updated listings of off-campus housing including private dormitories, rooms, apartments, and houses to rent. The office also has a bulletin board with rental properties posted. Among other services, the office provides a model roommate agreement and posts contact information regarding movers and storage companies.

In addition to these resources, you can check COL bulletin boards and local newspapers for advertisements and listings of available private housing. You can also contact the Office of Admissions & Financial Aid for management company information.

Parking

Students parking cars on the University campus on a regular basis are required to purchase a parking sticker or park in a lot where a fee is assessed. Parking stickers
may be purchased at Campus Parking Service, located at the corner of Normal Road and Lincoln Terrace, across from the Parking Deck. The parking service may be contacted at 815-753-1045 or parking@niu.edu.

In general, students living on campus are issued orange stickers at a cost of $85 for the year or $64 for one semester. Brown parking permits are available for a reduced fee to students living within the city of DeKalb and to commuting students who do not require parking before 4:00 p.m. A brown sticker is $47 for the year and $42 for one semester. This permit allows parking in brown lots during the day and in certain designated blue lots after 4:00 p.m.

Commuting students pay an $85 fee for the year for a yellow parking sticker or $64 for one semester. Green parking stickers are available for $40 for the year and $35 for a semester. The green permit is for remote parking behind the Convocation Center on the east side. These stickers are color-coded to correspond to the lots in which they may be used. Maps outlining the color-coded lots are available at the parking office. Students with health-related or other special circumstances may be eligible for other parking privileges.

Consult http://www.niu.edu/parking/permits/students.shtml for a more complete description of the above selection of parking permits and the particular eligibility criteria for each. Maps, parking tips, FAQs and other information are available at http://www.niu.edu/parking/about/index.shtml.

Students are encouraged to pick up parking stickers early to avoid the crowds when the rest of the University’s students return to campus.

For short term parking, students and visitors may use a visitor parking lot located at 200 Carroll Avenue, approximately one block west of the law school on the west side of Founders Library. The cost is $5 per day. There is also a limited amount of metered parking on College Avenue, which is the east-west road on the east side of Swen Parson Hall, and in front of Altgeld Hall on the west side of the law school.

**Huskie Bus System**

The University runs a transportation service around campus and on key routes in the City of DeKalb for use by students. The NIU Student Association provides route maps and time schedules for the Huskie Bus System at the information desk located on the main floor of the Holmes Student Center, across the street from the law school. During the academic year, the Huskie Bus System also runs a shuttle to the Elburn train station. For more information, please visit http://www.huskieline.com/.
Health Insurance and Student Health Services

All Northern Illinois University students who are registered for nine or more class hours on campus are entitled to, and are billed $530.00 each semester for, student health insurance. The rate per semester for coverage of spouses and domestic partners is $2,206 and the rate for each child is $1004. If you would like to receive your insurance identification card before the beginning of the semester, go to http://www.niu.edu/shi/ and fill out the Quick Add form.

Waivers of health coverage are available, and information regarding the waiver process will be posted at http://www.niu.edu/shi/waiver/index.shtml beginning on July 8, 2013. When posted, please note carefully the deadlines for submitting a waiver request. For more information on student health insurance, call 815-753-0122 or send an e-mail to StudentInsurance@niu.edu. The insurance office is located in the Health Services Building, Room 201, located off Lucinda. Their website is http://www.niu.edu/shi/.

The University Health Service Center (UHS) is also located in the Health Services Building on the corner of Lucinda and Wirtz next to the Campus Police Station. UHS offers high quality, out-patient healthcare as well as a full-service pharmacy. Most health center services are free for students, but there are charges for medications, immunizations, missed appointments, and some lab tests and procedures. Students should call the University Health Services’ main switchboard (815-753-1311) for information or visit the UHS website at http://www.niu.edu/healthservices/index.shtml.

Food Services

The ground floor of the Holmes Student Center contains the Blackhawk Food Court, Subway, Huskie Hub, and Coffee Corner. Three-course luncheons are available Tuesdays and Thursdays during the academic year at Ellington’s Restaurant on the main floor of the Holmes Student Center. For more information about on-campus food facilities and hours of service, see http://www.niu.edu/hsc/restaurants/index.shtml. Vending machines are located in the north wing of Swen Parson Hall and in the Holmes Student Center. Visit http://www.niu.edu/hsc/foodservice/index.shtml for more information.

Recreation and Athletic Facilities

The Office of Campus Recreation (OCR) is located in the Student Recreation Center. It provides a wide variety of activities for students and has equipment available for rental by students for camping, canoeing, basketball, racquetball, downhill and cross-country skiing, volleyball, softball, tennis, golf, football, and badminton. The OCR facilities are available to all students upon showing their student ID cards. Gymnasium, track, swimming pool, tennis, and racquetball courts are available when not in use by the physical education or sports departments.
The Student Recreation Center includes a multi-purpose area, a weight-exercise room, saunas, 12 racquetball-handball courts, a leisure craft room that features woodworking, pottery and jewelry-making, and an outing center. Further information is available from OCR at 815-753-0231 or on its website at http://www.niu.edu/recservices/.

In addition to the OCR facilities, the Holmes Student Center Huskie Den has bowling alleys, billiards, and pool tables for rent on an hourly basis. A video game room and ping pong tables are also available. For additional information, please see http://huskiesden.niu.edu/.

Sports, Entertainment and Cultural Events

As a major university, NIU provides many activities that are open for student participation and enjoyment, including sporting events, music and theatre, and visiting speakers. For information about activities and events on campus generally, check the NIU Calendar of Events online at https://calendar.niu.edu/.

Sporting and other events are hosted regularly at the 10,000-seat NIU Convocation Center, on Highway 38 west of DeKalb. For information and scheduling, see http://www.convocenter.niu.edu/convo/index.shtml

NIU is an NCAA Division 1 school and a member of the Middle America Conference, with teams that compete in all major sports. Last season the Huskies football team played in the Orange Bowl, led by Heisman Trophy candidate Jordan Lynch. Students and alumni groups often attend football, golf and other sporting events, giving students the ability to network while enjoying the games. For a description of NIU athletics and services provided to students, see http://www.niuhuskies.com/index-main.html

Through the College of Visual and Performing Arts, a wide variety of cultural events are open to the public through the year, including performances by the Avalon String Quartet and the legendary NIU Jazz Ensemble. The School of Theatre and Dance presents a series of productions throughout the academic year, and art exhibitions and special events are also scheduled periodically through the NIU Art Museum and the School of Art. For information concerning visual and performing arts events, see http://www.niu.edu/cvpa/events/index.shtml

Students’ Legal Assistance Office

Through the Students’ Legal Assistance Office, legal services are available to all tuition-paying Northern Illinois University students who are unable to afford private representation. The Students’ Legal Assistance Office is located in the Campus Life Building, Room #120, at the corner of Normal Road and Lucinda Avenue. For appointments and further information, call 815-753-1701 or visit http://www.niu.edu/legal/.
**Counseling and Related Services**

The University provides counseling services through the Counseling and Student Development Center in the Campus Life Building at the corner of Normal Road and Lucinda Avenue (815-753-1206). Walk-in appointments are generally available from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. See http://www.niu.edu/csdc/. Students may also discuss their concerns and obtain information about University policies and procedures on a confidential basis at the Office of the Ombudsperson on the 6th floor of the Holmes Student Center. For more information, consult http://www.niu.edu/ombuds/about/index.shtml or call or e-mail at 815-753-1414 or ombuds@niu.edu.

NIU and the College of Law are committed to providing an accessible educational environment in collaboration with the Disability Resource Center (DRC). Students who need academic accommodations based on the impact of a disability are encouraged to contact the DRC and Dean Coles. The DRC is located on the 4th floor of the Health Services Building, and can be reached at 815-753-1303 or drc@niu.edu.

**Additional Information**

For additional information about the University and its resources, visit the NIU website at http://www.niu.edu/index.shtml. Information about current events at the University may be followed on NIU Today at http://www.niutoday.info/ and by reading the student newspaper, The Northern Star.

**5. The DeKalb Area**

As is the case in most university towns, the City of DeKalb and its sister city, Sycamore, Illinois, make available a wide variety of goods and services to students and the surrounding community. DeKalb also offers a number of entertainment events and venues that are open to students in their spare time. A sampling of these resources is described below.

**Local Events**

The City of DeKalb holds periodic concerts and other events. Of particular interest early in the school year is DeKalb's annual Corn Fest, which will be held this year in downtown DeKalb on August 30 – September 1. CornFest features a free music festival, and this year’s artists include Back Country Roads, Hi-Infidelity and Josh Thompson. Among the scheduled activities are a kid fest and an arts fest for kids, a vintage auto show on Saturday, and a bicycle rally on Sunday. Sidewalk vendors and stores, food stands and a carnival are open all weekend and CORN! is everwhere, including FREE CORN from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (or until the corn runs out) on Saturday.
Friday hours for the Corn Fest are 3:00 p.m.–11:00 p.m. Saturday hours are 11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. and Sunday hours are 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. For more details, call 815-748-2676 or check the website at www.cornfest.com.

For information about other DeKalb area events throughout the year, please visit http://www.dekalb.org/events and http://www.dekalbareacvb.com/.

Restaurants

In addition to the eating spots at the Holmes Student Center (see section 4), there are several places serving food along Lincoln Highway that are within easy walking distance of the law school, including the Junction, Fushi Yami, Pizza Hut, McDonalds, and Burger King. Farther down Lincoln Highway just east of Annie Glidden Road, a small shopping center contains a number of outlets popular with law students: Chipotle Mexican Grill, Potbelly’s, Panda Express, Starbucks, Aspen Leaf Yogurt and Topper's Pizza. Other restaurants located on the west side of town include IHOP (815-517-1056), Jimmy Johns (815-756-6004) and a new Italian restaurant, Fanatico, at 1215 Blackhawk Drive (815-517-1740).

Downtown DeKalb also hosts a number of restaurants, including Eduardo’s Mexican Restaurant (815-758-2677), Hillside Restaurant (815-756-474), the House Café (815-787-9547), Thai Pavilion (815-756-6445), Rosita’s (815-756-1201), and Tapa La Luna (815-217-0990). Similarly, the Sycamore Road corridor (Highway 23) between Hillcrest Avenue and Peace Road contains a number of places to eat, including Applebee’s (815-748-3222), Ruby Tuesday (815-748-7900), Panera Bread (815-748-2135), Steak ‘n Shake (815-758-5582), Portillo’s Hot Dogs (815-895-0100), Noodles & Company (815-756-2145), Bea’s Wok N Roll (815-756-1660), and local institution, Ollie’s Frozen Custard on 2290 Oakland Drive (815-758-8222).

The above list is just a sampling of the eateries in and around DeKalb. There are a number of other ethnic restaurants, coffee shops, fast food outlets, sandwich shops and pizza joints from which to choose. Last, but not least, are several popular student spots for eating and mingling, including Fatty’s, Molly’s, Starbusters (now changing ownership) and assorted clubs along Lincoln Highway. Law students also like to hang out from time to time at two places downtown: O’Leary’s Pub & Grill (815-748-0000), and Stanley's (815-754-9031), a large sports bar with great pizza.

Shopping

DeKalb has four major grocery store chains. Three are located along Sycamore Road (Highway 23): Jewel/Osco, HyVee, and Aldi’s. The fourth, Shnucks, is on South Annie Glidden Road. Other small grocery outlets such as Inbodens Meat Market and Duck Soup Coop, near the corner of First Street and Hillcrest Avenue, are also available.
Several shopping centers are located on Sycamore Road, two of which are anchored by a Super Wal-Mart and a large Target store (both offering groceries and an abundant array of other goods and services). Other retail stores in DeKalb include Michael's, Bath & Body Works, Ross Stores, Pier One Imports, Carson Pirie Scott, TJ Maxx, JoAnn Fabrics & Crafts, JC Penney's, Pet Smart, Petco, Maurices, Barnes and Noble, Bed Bath and Beyond, Kohls, Best Buy, Lowes, Sallys, Ulta, and MC Sports. These are all located on Sycamore Road. Downtown DeKalb and Lincoln Highway host two pharmacies: Walgreens and CVS. In addition, downtown DeKalb and downtown Sycamore each have a variety of retail outlets, antique shops and other resources.

**Laundromats and Cleaners**

The Third Street Laundry is located at 141 South 3rd Street near the railroad tracks downtown. The Laundry Lounge is located in the Junction Shopping Center at 818 West Lincoln, and the Double Bubble Coin Laundry is located at 850 Pappas Drive. Greenacre Cleaners has several locations, including 271 Sycamore Road, 1334 East Lincoln Highway, and 929 South Annie Glidden Road (next to Schnuck’s).

**Entertainment**

DeKalb has one multiplex movie theater: GKC Market Square/Carmike Cinemas, 2160 Sycamore Road (behind Walmart), 815-787-7887 or 787-2839. Schedules and admissions fees are available at [http://www.carmike.com/ShowTimes/city/dekalb/IL/10](http://www.carmike.com/ShowTimes/city/dekalb/IL/10). There is also a movie theater in the nearby town of Sycamore: State Theater, 420 West State Street, 815-895-2265.

A community theater, Stagecoach Players, is located at 126 South 5th street in downtown DeKalb, 815-758-1940. Consult [http://stagecoachers.com/](http://stagecoachers.com/) In addition, there are many events, including movies, held at the Egyptian Theater, 132 North Second Street, 815-758-1215. See [http://egyptiantheatre.org/](http://egyptiantheatre.org/)

The DeKalb Park District provides several means of recreation, including one nine-hole golf course at 131 Buena Vista Drive, 815-758-4812, and two 18-hole courses at River Heights, 1020 Sharon Drive, 815-758-1550. The neighboring Sycamore Park District is located at 620 E. State Street in Sycamore, 815-895-3884.

There is a large public recreation and fitness center, including an indoor track, at 1765 South Fourth Street (815-758-7756). Hopkins Park, at 1403 Sycamore Road, 815-758-8853, has a large public swimming pool with water slides. Finally, there is mini golf, as well as a driving range and batting cages, at Sycamore Family Sports Center, 815-895-7407.

Off-campus bowling alleys include Mardi Gras Lanes, 1730 Sycamore Road, 815-756-9411 and Four Seasons Sports, 1745 DeKalb Avenue, 815-895-5125.
Shabbona Lake and State Park, located about 15 miles south of DeKalb, offers hiking, fishing, boat rentals and camping. As well, it is a great place just to go picnic and throw a frisbee around. Grills are provided on-site, but you must bring your own charcoal. For more information, call 815-824-2106 or consult http://www.dnr.state.il.us/lands/Landmgmt/PARKS/R1/Shabbona.htm.

Additional Information


6. The Wider World

Yes, we are near Chicago by train or by car!

Cars may be rented locally at Enterprise Rent-a-Car, 1810 Sycamore Road, DeKalb, Illinois 60115-3306, 815-756-5400. See http://www.enterprise.com/car_rental/deeplinkmap.do?gpbr=6243&bid=004&cnty=US Limousine and taxi services for transportation within DeKalb and to and from local airports and other destinations are also available.

For information on the Chicago Metra train stations and schedules, go to: http://metrarail.com/content/metra/en/home/maps_schedules/metra_system_map.html Currently, the nearest train stations are at Elburn and Aurora, Illinois. Elburn is 18 miles or approximately 27 minutes east from DeKalb, and Aurora is 32 miles or approximately 40 minutes southeast from DeKalb. As noted above, the Huskie Bus Line runs transportation to the Elburn station during the academic year.

Naperville is approximately 40 miles east from DeKalb, and downtown Chicago is approximately 65 miles east. Highway 38 and Interstate 88 provide direct routes from DeKalb to Chicago and its western suburbs. Depending on traffic, travel by car from DeKalb to downtown Chicago takes approximately 1½ to 2 hours. Consult http://www.naperville.il.us/, http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en.html and http://cnscvb.com/ for additional information.

For shopping and entertainment outside DeKalb, a number of national and local retail stores, movie theaters and restaurants are located along Randall Road in Geneva, Illinois, approximately 25 miles or a thirty-five minute drive east of campus on Highway 38. See http://genevachamber.com/ A large outlet mall is located alongside Interstate 88 in nearby Aurora (Farnsworth Avenue North exit). For a list of stores and directions, see http://www.auroraoutletpmall.org/ Ample shopping and entertainment opportunities
are also available approximately 45 miles to the northwest in Rockford, Illinois. See http://www.rockfordchamber.com/

7. Questions

If you have any questions in the weeks before school starts, please feel free to contact the COL Office of Admissions and Financial Aid at 815-753-8595 or lawadm@niu.edu. After July 16, you may also contact Dean Coles at 815-753-0668 or kcoles@niu.edu.

July 2, 2013